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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Fifty-First Annual Session,

OF THE

# NEUSE RIVER Missionary Baptist ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

## First Baptist Church

WELDON, N. C.

**September 25th, 26th and 27th, 1917.**

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Tuesday After The Fourth Lord's Day in Sept. 1918.

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1 Bethlehem
2 St. Paul
3 Pleasant Hill
4 Morning Star
5 Roanoke Salem
6 Daniels Chapel
7 Masons Grove
8 Lee's Chapel
9 Gasalonia
10 Pleasant Hill
12 St. Stephens
13 Easter Star
14 First Baptist Rocky Mt.
15 Shepard Grove
16 White Oak
17 Parkers Chapel
18 St. Mark
19 Little Zion
20 Quankey Chapel
21 West Weldon
22 Zion's Hill
23 St. John
24 St. Shiloh
25 Red Hill
26 First Baptist Enfield
27 Allen's Grove
28 New Bethel
29 Smith's Chapel
30 Twilight
31 St. Peters
32 Carters Chapel
33 Cool Springs
34 Morning Star
35 Jordan Hill
36 First Baptist, Goldsboro
37 Princeton Chapel
38 Marks Ghapel
39 New Hope
40 Olive Chapel
41 Oak Grove
42 Galilee
43 Shady Grove
44 Jerusalem
45 First Baptist Halifax
46 Salems Chapel
47 Pittman Grove
48 Elm City
49 Bethlehem
50 First Baptist, Battleboro
51 Mt. Zion
52 St. Paul
53 Chestnut Grove
54 Cedar Creek
55 Union Grove
56 New Hope
56 Tillery Chapel
59 First Baptist, Freemont
60 Massadonia
6e Little Zion
62 Harts Chapel
83 St. John
64 Shiloah
65 Lebannon
66 Mt. Olive
67 First Baptist Weldon
68 Min. & Deacons Union
69 Old Folks & Orph. Home
70 Red Oaks
71 Walls Chapel
72 St. James
73 Little Hope
74 St. Chapel
75 Sandy Fork
76 Branches Chapel
77 Ebenezer
78 St. Luke
79 Chockoyotte
80 Vaughan's Chapel
81 Brocks Chapel

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| Rev. R. C. Clark | $1 00 |
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| " Jacob Taylor | 1 00 |
| " N. H. Arrington | 1 00 |
| " P. Brewer | 1 00 |
| " Westly Porch | 1 00 |
| " Dr. M. A. Tally | 1 00 |
| " A. T. Thomas | 1 00 |
| " Thomas H. Boddie | 1 00 |
| " Elijah Meecham | 1 00 |
| " J. W. Wood | 1 00 |
| " J. T. Johnson | 1 00 |
| " C. W. Ivey | 50 |
| " D. N. Martin | 1 00 |
| " C. H. Ryan | 1 00 |
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| " S. L. Evans | 1 00 |
| " W. H. Pollard | 1 00 |
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| " Fred M. Drake | 1 00 |
| " P. Clements | 1 00 |
| " W. M. Stamper | 1 80 |
| " D. M. Rosser | 1 00 |
| " P. M. Moses | 1 00 |
| " G. G. Edmonds | 1 00 |
| " George Hinton | 1 00 |
| " I. S. Riddick | 1 00 |
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| " W. H. Shaw | 1 00 |

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| " C. Pierce | 1 00 |
| " R. W. Pate | 1 00 |
| " Walter Purnell | 1 00 |
| " N. V. Davis | 1 00 |
| " E. R. Noel | 1 00 |
| " E. L. Tillery | 1 00 |
| " Elias Lucas | 1 50 |
| " L. M. McNair | 1 00 |
| " J. E. Huff | 1 00 |
| " W. E. Lee | 1 00 |
| " J. T. Johnson | 1 00 |

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| Bro. John Henry Hill | 50 |
| " Rufus Battle | 50 |
| " Cook Ford | 50 |
| " Lee Thorne | 50 |
| " C. H. Whitfield | 50 |
| " S. L. Johnson | 50 |
| " Preston Dickens | 50 |
| " Sherman Pittman | 50 |
| " J. W. Lucas | 50 |
| " D. I. Barham | 50 |
| " J. H. Jefferson | 50 |
| " W. B. Brodie | 50 |
| " H. K. Kee | 50 |
| " Newsom Bishop | 50 |
| " James Davis | 50 |
| " J. H. Arrington | 50 |
| " William Gilmore | 50 |
| " W. W. Hockady | 50 |
| " A, E. Pierce | 50 |
| " Harry Grant | 50 |
| " J. C. Bellamy | 50 |
| " E. A. Smith | 50 |
| " Ben L. Brantly | 50 |
| " Allen Biggs | 1 00 |
| " G. W. Joyner | 50 |
| " B. L. Johnson | 50 |
| " McKinley Nicholas | 50 |
| " W. H. Willis | 50 |
| " L. T. Merritt | 50 |
| " J. H. Goode | 50 |
| " A. Finner | 50 |

## List of Churches that Contributed to the Educational Fund.

The following Churches and names paid the amount opposite their names on September 26th, 1917 at the Educational Rally. There were other churches who contributed to the success of this Rally whose Fund was paid to the Finance Committee which amount will be found in the Finance Committees report.

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| Little Zion | $ 5 00 |
| Smith's Chapel | 10 00 |
| Red Hill | 10 00 |
| Twilight | 25 00 |
| Bethlehem | 10 00 |
| Carters Chapel | 17 16 |
| Cedar Creek | 2 00 |
| Salems Chapel | 2 30 |
| Allen's Grove | 4 00 |
| White Oak | 3 00 |
| St. Paul | 2 00 |
| First Baptist Rocky Mount | 23 95 |
| Jordan Hill | 5 00 |
| Rev. J. R. Coel | 5 00 |
| Oline's Chapels | 1 00 |
| Shiloh Baptist | 11 00 |
| Cherrys Chapel | 1 00 |
| New Bethel | 5 00 |
| St John | 5 50 |
| Cool Springs | 5 00 |
| St. John | 2 00 |
| Zion Hill | 20 00 |
| St. Luke | 1 00 |
| Morning Star Baptist | 10 00 |
| Womans Union, Warren County | 6 00 |
| First Baptist, Roanoke Rapids | 22 00 |
| Pleasant Hill, Heathsville | 26 00 |
| First Baptist, Crowells Cross Roads | 5 00 |
| Poanoke-Salem | 3 00 |
| Mason's Grove | 1 00 |
| Lee's Chapel | 1 00 |
| Pleasant Hill | 1 00 |
| St. Stephens Tarboro | 3 25 |
| Parkers Chapel | 1 00 |

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| St. Peters | 1 00 |
| First Baptist, Weldon | 11 00 |
| First Baptist, Goldsboro | 2 00 |
| Marks Chapel | 5 60 |
| Oak Grove | 6 50 |
| Jerusalem | 5 00 |
| First Baptist, Halifax | 5 00 |
| Bethlehem, Seaboard | 10 00 |
| Elm City | 5 00 |
| First Baptist, Battleboro | 10 00 |
| Chestnut Grove | 5 00 |
| New Hope, Nash | 5 00 |
| Tillery's Chapel | 5 00 |
| Massadonia | 2 10 |
| Little Zion, Whitakers | 3 50 |
| Shiloh, Scotland Neck | 2 00 |
| Lebannon | 5 00 |
| St. James, Rocky Mount | 15 00 |
| Little Hope, Nash | 5 00 |
| Rev. J. R. Coel | 5 00 |

# PROCEEDINGS.

## FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Weldon, N. C., Sept. 25th, 1917.

The Neuse River Missionary Baptist Association assembled in its Fifty-First Annual Session in the First Baptist Church, Weldon, N. C., with its President, Rev. D. N. Martin in the chair.

The Devotional services was conducted by Revs. I. S. Riddick and Walter Purnell. Rev. Purnell led Hymn No. 58, and Rev. Riddick read from Acts 2nd chapter for Scripture Lesson, after which he lead in a very fervent prayer invoking God's guidance and blessings upon the meeting throughout entirety. The next Hymn worded by Rev. Purnell was No. 448 "Ye man and Angels, "etc." Gospel Hymnal. At this point, by unanimous consent suggested by Rev. Wood the Welcome Address be deferred until to-night. Rev. J. W. Faulk, pastor of the church came forward and stated that he was glad to see you here, and made arrangements for the delegates, etc. for dinner.

The programme was read and after some discussion it was adopted with the amendment that the local programme including the Welcome Address come off to-night. The Constitution was read. A motion prevailed that the time be extended. At this point homes were assigned. Rev. Morris prayed and adjournment took place.

## FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Devotional exercises was conducted by Revs. S. L. Johnson and A. W. Ivey. Rev Johnson sang Hymn No. 584 "A charge to keep I Have," Etc., Rev. Ivey read from the 24th Psalm 1-10 verses. Prayer by Rev. Johnson, Rev. Ivey Sang "Rock of Ages," etc. The Minutes were read and adopted, after which some Committees were appointed. A motion prevailed that we dispense with the report of the Ministerial Board at this time, to come up at the next day morning session, and to introduce the visitors. The following were introduced: Rev. M. V. O. Morris, Rev. L. G. Outlaw, Rev. J. H. Houston, Rev. W. G. Edmonds, Prof. N. S. Hargrove, also Mrs. Frances Moore. Mrs. Cora Odom,

Mrs. Ella Cooper, Nash Co., Mrs. Anna Taylor, Nash Co. Each one greated us. At this point sister Frances Moore was introduced and Rev. Faulk again asked that the brethren give her an opportunity to say a few words, concerning the Orphan's Home. She spoke in the interest of the home.

A motion prevailed that the Association donate to the Orphans and Old Folks Home Co. The motion was withdrawn and a collection given to the amount of $15.50

While the aduience sang "Blest be the tie that binds, etc." So glad I'm coming Home, to Glory," etc.

Sister Olivia Alston made a stirring speech urging the brethren to stand up like men and support their women and represent the Charitables Institution. Prayer was offered over the money.

A motion prevailed that we make the Program the guidance of the Association. A collection was taken to the amount of $1.75.

## FIRST DAY—Evening Session.

The devotional services were conducted by Revs. W. S. Miller and S. L. Johnson, with Rev. W. H. Shaw, Vice-President in the chair. Rev. Johnson sang Hymn No. 902, Rev. Miller read from the 28th chapter of Proverbs. Prayer was offered by Rev. Walter Purnell after which the choir sang "Amazing Grace", etc. The Welcome Address on th part of the church followed next by the pastor. He in a witty, but forceful and impressive manner welcomed the delegates, Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer representing the White Methodist people of the city in his opening remarks deplored the idea of Rev. Faulk resigning. He said in part that he welcomed you because your interest is ours, and ours is yours, and we can not get along without each other, because you need us and we need you. He beautifully illustrated his welcome by a story of a dying soldier saying as he gasped his last breath, we too want you to say to the lost men and women of Weldon that the "blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin." His address was truly inspiring and all were made to feel glad and welcome. "Since Jesus came into my heart" was sung by the audience led by the choir.

Rev. N. C. Duncan representing the Episcopal Church and Mayor was the next speaker who in well chosen

words welcomed the delegates. He illustrated the power of right relationship by a story of another doing soldier work just and right by one who did him a wrong

Music was furnished by the Association, led by the Master of Ceromonies, Rev. J. W. Faulk, Rev. J. H. Nero representing the A. M. E. church also welcomed the Association in worlds well suited to the occasion.

Rev. J. W. Wood came forward and in a humorous but well taken manner made the Association welcome on the part of the Country churches. Rev J. A. Whitaker representing St. Peters Baptist church made a short but good welcome speech. Mr. K. C. Clark on part of Sunday School, and Mr. R. A. Cheek on part of B. Y. P. U., both gave short speeches of welcome. Rev. I. S. Riddick very ably responded in a brief manner. At this point the choir sang "Saviour more than Life to me" after which Rev. F. M. Davis told that he had been made to feel good. He said the all absorbing question with him what can I do to be saved, or the conception of our mind to the word of God. He said some very true things concerning our acceptance of God's word and his church. Rev. Davis urged the brethren to live up to the standard of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I know I have been redeemed was sung, while Bro. A. Drewry and Jas. Pierce took a collection to the amount of $5.61. The choir furnished music. Adjournment.

## SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Weldon, N. C., Sept. 25th, 1917.

With the president in the chair, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung by Rev. T. Jones, Revs. Pierce Jones then conducted the devotional exercises. The minutes were read and approved. A report of the Ministerial Board was received and adopted. (See Report.) At this point a letter expressing Rev. Tillerys regret for having to leave before the Association closed was read and adopted. Telegrams were received from the two orphans home at Winston Salem and Oxford they were received, and a motion prevailed that we give Mr. Cheatham an opportunity to come before the Association to night.

After singing "Glory to His name" The Presidents Annual Address was delivered. He began by saying

that success or true success along all lines must have a foundation, and that foundation is clean cut christianity.

The President's Address was fraught with wholesome advice and admonition together with many little hints and suggestions about how ministers should conduct their lives-that each one's life serve as an inspiration to others. The Educational Address was delivered by Rev. J. W. Wood, he took for his subject "Acres of Diamonds." The Educational Rally took place and the amount of $165.95 was taken up, more was to follow later. Adjourned.

## SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session,

After a very well conducted praise service by Revs. C. C. Webb and Jas. T. Johnson with President Martin in the chair the Association assembled its regular work

A motion prevailed that the Doctrinal Sermon by Rev. F. L. Mason be deferred until later. At this point the following Committees were appointed: Time and Place, On Officers, On Presidents Address, Etc.

A motion prevailed to lay on the table indefinitely a resolution offered by Rev. J. W. Blacknall that each church provide its delegates with $1.00 per day with which to pay their board.

A motion also prevailed that there would be some changes in the sixth Article of the Constitution.

The Committee's report on Sunday School was received and adopted, (with an amendment appended, see report.)

A motion to accept the President's resignation was lost and he was elected by acclamation

The Minutes were read received and adopted. The Committee on Officers reported, the report was received and adopted. (See report.) Shady Grove church came forward and had her name registered on the Neuse River roll. The pastor of said church, Rev. W. T. Edmonds was extended the right hand of fellowship.

After a lengthy discussion concerning the Ministerial Board the following names were added: Revs. M. P. Sweatt, A. T. Thomas, A. W. Ivey and G. G. Edmonds.

A motion prevailed that we accept and adopt the report of the Ministerial Board. (See report.)

After Prayer by Rev. Shaw the Asso., adjourned.

## SECOND DAY—Evening Session.

With the President in the chair, the Association enjoyed a splendid spiritual praise service. Rev. Geo. Bullock, was given the right hand of fellowship, after which he made some timely remarks. Rev. J. W. Blacknall after singing Holy, Holy, etc.. read from Matt. 28th chapter and prayer was offered by Hon. H. P. Cheatham. We were next favored with an old spiritual Hymn "My God the Springs of all my Joy," etc. At this point the president in well chosen words introduced Rev. J. R. Gardner to preach the Missionary Sermon. His text, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo , I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.—Matt. 28:19-20. Subject. "On to victory with God." Rev. Gardner handled his subject with much ease, giving the Association a rare treat to a logical, and spiritual sermon at the same time emphasizing the importance of all christians spreading Christ's Gospel all over the land. Music was furnished by the choir while a collection to the amount of $12.12 was taken. Hon. H. P, Cheatham was introduced at this time who spoke in behalf of the Oxford Orphanage.

## THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Rev. H. Clements acting president the Association opened by singing hymn 800 led by Rev. L. G. Outlaw. Rev. George Hinton read 3rd chapter Matthew, prayer offered by Rev. Outlaw, after which he lined hymn "Go preach my Gospel saith the Lord." The President announced the house ready for business. Hon. H. P. Cheatham acting Vice-Pres.

A motion to receive the Minutes of the afternoon and night sessions were approved. On motion the following brethren were appointed a committee on Appropriation;—Bro. A. Drewry, Dr. M. A. Tally, Rev. S. G. Newsome, Rev. J. W. Wood, Rev. J. A, Whitaker.

Dr. M. A. Tally made a very stirring speech along the lines of the Orphanage. He extended an invitation to Hon. H. P. Cheatham. Rev. J. K. Ramsay arose and spoke very favorable of the Orphanage. He concurred with Dr. M. A. Tally he said, he also asked why

his name had been omitted. His name was to be restored. On motion the report on ordination was received and adopted. (See report.)

On motion the report on Grevience be recommitted, it was then received and adopted.

On motion to receive report of committee on New Churches. Ebenezer Baptist Church, Nash Co., Vaughan Chapel of Wilson Co., Brock Chapel, Edgecombe Co. were enrolled as sister churches. A motion to hear the report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted. (See report.)

On motion to hear Prof. J. D. Ray, of Greensboro, N. C., speak on his work on Agriculture.

His speech was well taken in that he dealt with conservation of all things. Rev. M. T. Sommerville came forward as the representative of the Reedy Creek Association to bring greetings to the Neuse River Association. Dr. J. W. Wood read a letter to the Association and received from Bro. Thomas Bodie $1.00 for Ordained Ministers fee. A motion prevailed to receive the letter and extend thanks and give him credit for same,

It was motioned and carried to suspend all business ten minutes and take a collection for Reformitory of Charlotte, amount raised $7.67, which was turned over to the Womans Auxiliary which received the credit.

They used the time to an advantage. After they had made their reports then a collection was lifted by Rev. J. W. Blacknall and Rev. M. P. Sweatt to the amount of $15.40 for the Woman Auxiliary to the Neuse River Association.

On motion the report of Committee on Education after some discussion by Prof. T. S. Inborden, Revs. M. A. Tally, W. H. Shaw and J. W. Wood, which was rich and spicy, was received and adopted. Received of First Baptist of Roanoke Rapids, $22.00 for Educational funds. Received of Morning Star Baptist church $10.00 for Educational fuuds.

Rev. J. W. Wood suggested that the Ministers pledge themselves to the Neuse River Institute, by the Ordained Ministers paying $1.00 and the Licentiates 50c. and each individual member of each church pay 15c to the Educational Fund for the next year.

Bro. J. H. Arrington made a very live speech in behalf of the Neuse River Institute. Rev. J. W. Wood

rocommended that the brother who spoke should come among the Ministers and make such speeches again. The President recommended that a collection be lifted for Educational funds, Prof. T, S. Inborden and Rev. M. A. Tally were appointed to lift the collection which amounted to $20.26. Rev. J. W. Wood was appointed to convey greetings to the Lot Cary Convention at Rocky Mount. Adjourned.

### THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session.

President Rev. D. N. Martin in the chair, sang hymn No. 344 lined by Rev. Elija Meacham, Rev. A. T. Thomas read from the 23rd Division of Psalms. Prayer offered by Rev. Thomas. Rev. M. P. Sweatt led in singing "Keep on Praying till Jesus comes," the church joined in with him and made it interesting. The President announced the house in order for the transaction of business. On motion to receive the work of the Womans Auxiliary into the Neuse River Association.

Rev. J. W. Wood suggested that to leave the matter of Auxiliary to discuss whether they will meet in joint session or separately, for to-night, accepted. Adjourned

# Official Roaster, Womans Auxiliary

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## MINUTES.

The Second Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Neuse River Association met at St. Peters Baptist Church, Weldon, N. C., Rev. J. A. Whitaker, Pastor, Sept. 26th-27th, 1917.

### WEDNESDAY—Morning Session

Devotional Exercises were conducted by Sisters J. Peebles and Nellie Drumgold for thirty minutes, after which Sister M. A. Hargrave led in the discussion: Women as Co-workers with God. Several selections were sung, after which the Constitution was read by the Secretary.

By motion the Constitution was unanimously adopted Next enrollment of delegates. (See List.) Collection of Annual dues was then taken, and the following paid

(25c) twenty five cents each: Sisters W. A. Williams, C. B. James, M. E. Martin, Hattie Ferrell, Lucy Rollan, Rosa McDaniel, V. L. Hale, Ella Cooper, M. A. White, C. A. Thomas, A. B. Miles, Cora Odom, Zellie Pittman L. V. Mebane, Katherine Owens, M. T. Jones, Donnie Taylor, Nannie Smith, Alice Smith, J. A. Alston, Annie Taylor, Fannie Kornegy, Mattie Lee. J. Weaver, M. A. Hargrave, Nellie Arrington, J. W. Blacknall, Mollie Simms, C. P. Anthony, Donnie Jones. Mollie Williams, C. Merritt, Fannie C. Tally. The Following County Presidents reported: Sisters Mollie Williams $5.00, Mary Reid $5.00, M. E. Simpson, $22.66.

LIST OF CIRCLES AND DELEGATE.

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| Cool Springs, Gertrude Garner, delegate | $ 6.00 |
| 1st Baptist Battleboro, Cora Odom, delegate | 3.00 |
| New Hope, Ella Cooper and Annie Taylor | 6.00 |
| Oak Grove, Mary Parker, delegate | 3.25 |
| 1st Baptist Gaston, J. Weaver, delegate | 1.75 |
| 1st Baptist, Rocky Mount, M. E. Simpson, L. V. Mebane, and F. C. Tally, delegates | 10.00 |
| 1st Baptist Weldon, Jane Richards, delegate | 6.00 |
| Twilight, M. A. White, B. Long and N. Drumgold, delegates | 6.00 |
| Shiloh, Scotland Neck, Lucy Rowland, Nannie Smith, delegates | 14.00 |
| St. James, Rocky Mount, Zellie Pittman, delegate | 5.00 |
| Eastern Star, Tarboro, Rev. Jones, delegate | 2.50 |
| Hearts Chapel, P. B. Bullock, delegate | 1.00 |
| Roanoke Chapel, M. A. Lockhart, delegate | 1.00 |
| 1st Baptist Halifax, M. A. Hargrave, delegate | 1.00 |
| Shepppard Grove, Sarah Jones, delegate | 3.00 |
| Little Zion, Halifax. C. Merritt, delegate | 5.00 |
| Roanoke-Salem, Jane Peebles, delegate | 1.00 |
| Sunshine Band, Rocky Mount, Zella Pittman, delegate | .50 |
| Mrs, Victoria Hale, personal | 2.50 |

A few remarks were made by Sister Zella Pittman concerning the affliction of her beloved husband, and a special prayer was made for her led by Sister J. A. Alston. The following Committees were appointed: On Officers—Rev. Dr. M. A. Tally, Sisters M. E. Simpson, J. Weaver, J. W. Blacknall, Gertrude Garner, Mary Parker. On Advisory Board—J. Weaver, Jane

Richards, Mittie White, L. V. Mebane, Rosa McDaniel. Alice Smith. On By-Laws and Resolutions—M. A. Hargrave, C. P. Anthony, C. B. James, Maria Demry, D. Taylor and Lucy Rolan. On New Circles—Mollie Williams, J. Peebles, M. J. Jones, Cora Odum, Annie Taylor. On Temperance—C. P. Anthony, Annie Cooper, J. A. Alston. M. A. Lockhart, Mollie Sims. Benediction.

WEDNESDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

Devotional Exercises were conducted by Revs. J. Johnson and M. A. Talley. The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. Tally from St. John 15:5. His sermon was able, instructive and inspiring. The President lifted a collection of $5.15. The cause of the Old Folks Home was then represented and a collection of $3.05 was given. Benediction.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was held jointly with the Neuse River Association sang for openeng "Let Jesus fix it for you." President made her address. Singing "Blest be the tie that binds. Corresponding Secretary made the following report.

Dear Brethren:

We submit to you the financial report of the Cor. Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, organized Nov. 30th, 1916.

Churches visited by Corresponding Secretary:

Cool Spring, Garysburg, Rev. Wood, pastor ..... $3.01
Expenses ..... $2.00
Twilight, Weldon. Rev Sweatt, pastor ..... 4.16
Expense ..... 2.15
Shepherds Chapel. Weldon, Rev. Sweatt, pastor .. 1.65
Womans Union, Halifax Co. Rev. Wiggins pastor .. 1.55
Expenses ..... 1.05
Preachers and Deacons Union, Halifax Co. ..... 3.00
Little Hope, So. Ry. Mt, Rev. Stansberry, pastor . 1.25
Edgecombe Co. Convention 3 miles Rocky Mount . 1.05
Expenses ..... 1.00
Friendship, Edgecombe Co. Rev. Powell, pastor .. 2.52
Expenses ..... 1.50
Little Zion. Rev. E. A. Taylor, pastor ..... 2.50
Expenses ..... 1.70

Harts Chapel, per P. B. Bullock ..... 1.00
Mr. E. E. Brantley 25c. Mr. Bennie Bulluck 25c. A Friend 10c. Total raised from all sources ..... 74.70
Expenses traveling, postage and printing ..... 14.65

Received from Officers and Co. Presidents 72.32, from Circles for Representation 16.00, For Neuse River Institute 122.02, Annual dues 9.75, Special collections 6.90, Boys Reformatory, Charlotte 10.67. Total raised from all sources $180.74.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. V. Mebane, Cor. Secty.

Remarks by President. Educational collection lifted by Revs. M. P. Sweatt and J. W. Blacknall, amount $15.40. Topic opened by Rev. M. A. Tally followed by Mrs. J. A. Alston and C. P. Anthony.

REPORT OF OFFICERS.

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| Mrs. J. W. Wood, President | $ 8 25 |
| " M. A. Hargrave, Vice-President | 8 50 |
| " M. A. Talley, Secretary | 5 27 |
| " C. B. James, Asst. Sec. | 10 00 |
| " L. V. Mebane, Cor. Sec. | 10 14 |
| " Bettie E. Young, Treas. | ----- |
| " M. E. Young, Auditor | ----- |

Executive Board recommended the following disbursements.

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| Mrs. Mary Reid, traveling expenses | $ 1 10 |
| " Victoria Hale, " " | 60 |
| " Mamie Simpson " " | 2 50 |
| " Zellie Pittman " " | 1 90 |
| " Mollie Williams " " | 1 50 |
| " J. W. Wood, Pres. for service | 6 00 |
| " M. E. Hargrave, Vice- Pres for services | 3 00 |
| " M. A. Tally. Secretary " " | 10 00 |
| " C. B. James, Asst. Secty. " " | 3 00 |
| " L. V. Mebane, Cor. Secty. " " | 10 00 |
| Rev. M. A. Tally for sermon | 5 00 |
| Rev. M. P. Sweatt, for services | 5 00 |
| To the Treasurer of N. R. A. for school | 122 02 |
| For Minutes | 5 00 |
| Balance in Treasurer | 2 50 |

It was moved and seconded that the Auxiliary meet in a separate place on Wednesday after the Second

Sunday in September 1918, at the First Baptist Church Battleboro. God be with you till we meet again was sung most fervently, and after the parting hands were extended the Second Annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary passed into history.

Mrs. J. W. Wood, President,
Mrs. Fannie C. Tally, Rec. Secretary.

## THIRD DAY—Evening Session.

President, D. N. Martin in the chair, Praise service was conducted by Revs. J. T. Johnson and J. A. Whitaker, sang hymn No. 627, Rev. Whitaker read scripture from Luke 5th chapter 18 verses. Prayer offered by Rev. Whitaker. Rev. Johnson sang "Tis Jesus Christ I long to find," etc. The President announced the house now ready for the transaction of business.

The Committee on Time and Place reported that the Neuse River Association hold its next session with Carters Chapel Baptist Church, Thelma, N. C., Rev. W. H. Shaw, Pastor. On motion that the minutes be received and adopted. A motion to receive the repert of the Committee on Obituaries. A motion to receive the report of the Committee on Appropriation amended by paying the Secretary $25.00 instead of $20.00.

On motion this Association will represent in the State Convention in Durham, and Revs. J. W. Wood and S. G. Newsome were appointed messengers.

The time having arrived for the Temperance Sermon Rev. M. A. Tally ascended the pulpit with Rev. M. V. O. Morris, Rev. Morris offered prayer. Rev. Tally took for his text, St. John, 17;11 as follows: "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me" Subject:—God keeping us from sin. The Holy Ghost seemed to have taken him out of self, while he lifted the souls of men to heaven. He spoke against temper, against fashion, against bad deacons, against bad preachers, "Talking too much," he said is intemperance. Rev. N. V. Davis took us to a throne of grace in prayer. Then followed a Solo, "Lord remember," After the Sermon then followed an Educational Rally. The result of the collection was $10.53. The Womans Auxiliary to the Neuse River Association made its financial report $205.57.

A motion prevailed that Prof. A. B. Vincent install the Officers of the Woman's Auxiliary. (See womans pages.) The following persons pledged to the Womans Auxiliary:

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| Mrs. C. P. Anthony | $5 00 |
| " John Weaver | 5 00 |
| " Janie Barry | 5 00 |
| " Matthew Martin | 5 00 |
| " D. N. Martin | 5 00 |
| " M. A. Tally | 5 00 |
| " Harriett Tucker | 5 00 |
| " Rosa Johnston | 5 00 |
| Rev. A. W. Ivey | 5 00 |
| " G. W. Edmonds | 5 00 |
| " J. W. Wood | 5 00 |
| " M. P. Sweatt | 5 00 |
| " M. V. O. Morris | 5 00 |
| " C. M. Clayton | 5 00 |
| Mr. C. P. Anthony | 5 00 |
| " William Shines | 5 00 |
| " Phil Whitfield | 5 00 |
| " Jessie E. Edmonds | 5 00 |
| " Burk Johnson | 2 00 |
| " R. B, Prince | 2 00 |
| " Adam Marrow | 5 00 |
| " W. G. Lee | 2 00 |
| " Thomas Daniel | 2 50 |
| " J. H. Browning | 5 00 |

Prof. A. B. Vincent made a speech that aroused the entire audience while he installed the Officers of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Neuse River Association. Prof. A. B. Vincent was given an opportunity to say something regarding his school.

Mrs. J. W. Wood, was appointed a delegate to the State Convention in Durham, in behalf of the Waman's Auxiliary. On motion a vote of thanks was extended the Auxiliary for $132.85. On motion the report of the Committee on Resolution was received. (See report.)

A motion that the Association pay the expenses of the messengers to the State Union Convention.

Rev. J. W. Wood in some closing remarks made our hearts feel glad when he said that we had done them good as a result of our stay with them. Prof. C. P. Anthony in some very choice words elated our souls

with the ecstasy of joy. Sister Olivia Alston said in a few timely words that she would give her life for a true minister of the gospel. Rev. M. P. Sweatt rose to speak in defense of the Association to continue without expense to the delegates.

Rev. J. W. Wood made his report on the money raised in the Neuse River Association this sitting $864.85 In the Associational year with the aid of the Woman's Auxiliary, raised $1300.42.

The Association adjourned by singing "Blest be the tie which binds our hearts in Christian love," and a warm hand shake was manifested by the brethren and sisters. Dismissed with prayer by Prof. A. B. Vincent.

D. N. Martin, President,
M. W. Williams, Jr., Secretary.

# REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

## COMMITTEE OF TIME AND PLACE.

We your Committee on Time and Place beg leave to report the following, that the next sitting of this Association will be held with the Carters Chapel Church, Tuesday after the 4th Lord's day in Sept. 1918. Rev. W. H, Shaw, Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. T. Johnson Rev. H. Clements,
Rev Parham Brewer, Bro. R. Lawrence,
Bro. A. Drewry, Rev. L. H. Hilliard,
Rev. W. T. Edmonds, Rev. L. T. Merritt,
Rev. Milikin James. Committee.

## ON NEW CHURCHES.

We your Committee on New Churches beg to make the following report, we have examined three New churches and find them in Gospel order and recommend them to the Association, Vaughn Chapel. of Wilson Co. Ebeneezer Baptist Church, Nash Co., Brocks Chapel, Edgecombe Co. Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dock Shearin, Rev. Arrington,
Rev. A. B. Alston Bro. Myrick,
Rev. Turner, Bro. Knight,
Bro. J. J. Johnson, Committee.

## ON EDUCATION.

We your Committee on Education beg to make the following report: Seeing the great need of Education and knowing that if the negro is to be educated he must do it on his own resource. 2nd Knowing the need of the Neuse River Institute to be operated in our midst and the indebtedness which hangs over it to the amount of twenty-one hundred dollars (2100.00) to get the school in operation, Therefore, Be it Resolved that we place ourselves on record as fostering the same by giving liberally of our means for its support. 3rd We further recommend that each pastor collect of each member of his church the sum of fifteen cents annually as an educational fund. 4th We further recommend that this Association create an educational honor roll of the churches. 4th We further recommend that each

Ordained Minister pay annually the sum of one dollar and each Licentiate Minister pay fifty cents annually.

Rev. M. P. Sweatt, Rev. J. W. Wood,
Rev. J. W. Blacknall, Rev. S. G. Newsome,
Rev. J. W. Faulk, Rev. M. V. O. Morris
Rev. J. Smith Jones, Rev. G. G. Edmonds,
C. P. Anthony. Committee.

ON ORDINATION.

We your Committee on Ordination, having carefully and prayerfully cosidered the applicants and tests they stood accompanied by recommendation regret to say that only two out of five are recommended by the Committee for ordination.

The Committee recommends Bros. Erastus Lucas and Elijah Meacham to the Association for ordination.

And regretfully recommends Bros. William Gilmore, McKindly Nicholson and J. C. Bellamy for further study

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Davis, J. W. Blacknall,
M. F. Somerville, C. E. Harper,
J. K. Ramsay, J. W. Wood,
I. S. Riddick, J. R. Gardner,
Committee.

ON GRIEVANCE.

We the Committee on Grievance beg leave to report, we find nothing to report.

R. A. Worrell, A. T. Thomas,
W. H. Morrison, Green Hamilton,
N. D. Winstead, Anthony Faison,
Robert Clark, E. Merritt,
C. H. Whitfield. Committee.

ON OBITUARIES.

We your Committee on Obituary beg leave to submit the following report. That since the sitting of the last Association. That monster death has visited many of our churches and many of our brothers has fallen victorious, among them, are the following Brother Charles Johnson, Decon of Simeon Grove died the First Sunday in April 1917, Bro. Cary Lowe, Deacon 1 Bap. Crowells Cross Roads; Bro. Joe Hill, deacon of

Pittman Grove, Bro. Mack Alexander, deacon of Shiloh Baptist Church; Norage Harris deacon of Gaselonia, Gasburg, Va., Bro. Jessie Bradley, Secretary of Mason Grove.

We sympathize with their bereaved families and pray that this entire Association will put our lives on the altar of service for the comfort of their widows and orphans and strive to emulate that christian that dwells around the fireside where virture lives for its own sake, fidelity regulates and retrain not the Christ of admiration a christian love that knows no boundry line, no rugged mountain or steep declining vale puts no limit to its growth for where ever it is watered with the dew of kindness and affection there you will be sure to find it, what the sunshine is to nature, what the stars are to night, and what God is to the burden heart that knows how to lean upon him.

Respectfully submitted,

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| Rev. J. T. Johnson. | Rev. Mckinley Nicholson, |
| Rev. C. W. Ivey, | Rev. J. W. Wood, |
| R. Battle, | Eddie Draughan, |
| Smith Gary, | D. Reid, |
| W. H. Mason, | A. L. Jones, |
| J. E. Huff, | J. H. Browning. |

ON RESOLUTIONS.

We your committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following: And recommend that they do pass Resolution No. 1.

Whereas this Association do have and support a school at Weldon, N. C. We recommend that a photographic view of the school building and dormitory be placed on a page in our Minutes so the churches may see and have an idea of the work of the Association.

Resolution No. 2.

Whereas, we the Ministers and Delegates of the Neuse River Association realize that our past history and blessings have greatly been enhanced by the good white people of N. C., and that much of our present and future history is to be made by the assistance of our brothers in white.

Be it Resolved, that we assure the whites of N. C., that we shall do all within our power to establish and maintain such relation between the races as will secure

the greatest joy and transquility to all. Adopted by the Committee.

Resolution No. 3.

Whereas the pastors place in his respective Community necessarily puts him in a position at all times to influence his congregation. Resolve that each pastor emphasize the importance of the parents sending their children to their respective schools.

Resolution No. 4.

Whereas the Pastors, Deacons and Congregations of the churches of Weldon and the good people of the community, have so loyally entertained the Ministers and Messengers and Visitors of this Association, and since they have spared no pains or expense in making it pleasant for all

Be it Resolved, that the Pastors, Messengers and visitors extend to them our heart felt thanks for their generous hospitality and the manifestation of their kindness toward us while in their midst.

Bro. S. D. Hilliard, J. M. Simons,
Rev. Thomas Jones, Bro. J. B. Peebles,
Bro. L. S. Harris. Bro. G. E. Brantley,
Bro. D. G. Gaier, Bro. A. Drewry,
Bro. B. F. Hawkins, Committee.

ON TEMPEAANCE.

We your Committee on Tempeance beg leave to report the following, Whereas Intemperance is a crime and disgarce upon any race, especially the colored race, Therefore be it Resolved, that the Ministers and Delegates comprising this Association do condemn the use of Intoxication in every form whatever, and recommend that all churches make an effort to controle themselves as to this habit, because of the evil influence it exerts over those who use it because it is condemod by the bible.

Resolved second, that we have enjoyed to a great quietness since the removal of the License for dealing in whiskies in our, state.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. A. W. Ivey, E. Lucas,
W. H. Hines, Mark Miles,

Rev. H. Clement, G. W. Hawks,
A. T. Battle, Rev. Wm. Stamper,
Rev. C. Pierce. Committee.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your Committee an Sunday Schools beg leave to report as follows: We recommend to the churches in this Association that they have no Superintendent or Teachers who is not a member of the church in good standing. We further recommend that all Pastors attend the Sunday School in their respective churches at least one Sunday in each month, we further recommend that all parents attend Sunday School and bring their children. We further recommend that each Sunday School set apart one Sunday in the year to have a Grand Rally for the the purpose of raising money for the Neuse River Institute This was amended as follows: That no one be be allowed to teach in the Sunday School unless they are members of some Baptist Church.

H. Powers, Teat Thomas,
A. W. Wood, Israel Barham,
Israel Barham, Walter Jones,
N. S. Hargrave, Rev. Wesley Porch,
G. H. Hinten, W. E. Quinichett,
J. H. Boyd, O. O. Archil,
W. M. Williams, Sr., Committee.

ON OFFICERS.

We your Committee on Officeas beg leave to report: That the same officers be re-elected.

Walter Jones, M. P. Sweatt,
P. A. Ivey, M. V. O. Morris,
J. W. Blacknall, W. W. Hines,
S. G. Newsome, E. R. Noel,
T. V. Foster. Committee.

MINISTERIAL BOARD REPORT.

Weldon, N. C., Sept. 25th, 1917,

The Ministerial Board met in the First Baptist Church of Weldon, N. C., and after hering Rev. Tillery's confessions the Board did unanimously pardon Rev. Tillery and restored him to fellowship again.

Weldon, N. C., Nov. 7th, 1917.

The Ministerial Board met in the First Baptist Church of Weldon, N. C., devotional services were conducted by Revs. J. H. Martin, and W. H. Shaw, Rev. Shaw lined hymn No. 352, Rev. Martin read 4th chapter of James, prayer offered by C. Zollicoffer. The Minutes of the Association not being on hand the Board proceeded to other business.

On motion Revs. J. W. Wood, M. P. Sweatt and N. V. Davis were elected Printing Committee, the corresponding Secretary was ordered to write to M. W. Williams, Jr. to forward the Minutes to them at once. On motion $5.00 was donated to Rev. Wood for exta work in distributing the Minutes. Simon Grove Baptist Church paid $2.00, St. John Elm, of Tarboro, was given credit for $2.00 representation instead of Institute fees:

Paid Revs. E. H. Hall, $1.00, W. M. Lynch, 50c; Richard Body, 50c; W. H. Walker, 50c; C. W. Ivey, 50c J. E. Belamy, 25c; O. B. Alston, 1.00; D. Shearin 1.00; C. M. Day 50c; Alex Tillery 50c; A C. Tilley 1.00.

## Sermons at Next Association.

Annual Sermon Rev. F. M. Davis, Missionary Sermon Rev. J. W. Wood, Doctrinal Sermon Rev. I. S. Ridlick Educational Sermon, Rev. G. G. Edmonds, Corresponding Messengers—Reedy Creek, Rev. D. N. Martin, Bethany Association, Va., Rev. J. W. Wood, Old Eastern, Rev. Walter Purnell, Shiloh, Rev. A. W. Ivey, Shiloh No. 2. Rev. W. H. Shaw, Beulah, Rev. C. Pierce Middleground Rev. C. W. Ivey, Old Roanoke Rev. N. V. Davis On motion 1200 Minutes were ordered printed. On motion $50.00 was allowed for representing in the State Convention.

On motion Rev. W. M. Lynch, was appointed Missionary for the neuse River Institute. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. W. Plachnall.

J. W. Wood, Sec. Rev. D. N. Martin, Moderator.

## PLEDGES FOR 1918.

Revs. M. V. O. Morris, $5.00, Rev. E. R. Noel, 2.00, J. T. Johnson, 2.00, Bro. A. Drewry, 5.00, Bro. E. E. Brantly, 1.00, Henry Clanton, Jr. 1.00, Revs. C. C. Webb, 2.00. C. Pierce 5.00, R. C. Clark 5.00, Bro. Rufus Battle 5 00, Bro. O. D. Archie 2.50.

Weldon, N. O., Dec. 5th, 1917.

The Trustee Board of Neuse River Association met with the First Baptist Church of Weldon. Devotional services were conducted by Revs. S. G. Newsome and J. H. Martin, hymn No. 378, read 4th, chap. St. John, prayer offered by Rev. J. H. Martin, the Secretary not being present, Rev. J. W. Wood was chosen Secretary protem. The Corresponding Sec. was ordered to write the Secretary to send the Minutes of both the Association and Trustee Board. The Treas. made his report, (see report). On motion the report was adopted.

The Secretary was ordered to notify the churches that we need $250.00 by 1st of May, 1918, and ask them to send $10.00 if possible on the fifth Sunday in March, to the Treasurer, C. P. Anthony.

On motion Bro. M. W. Williams, Sr. was ordered to have all the lumber on yard at the school building put in the house. On motion Miss L. V. Mebane was appointed Field Secretary for the Neuse River Institute. Adjourned with prayer by Bro M. E. Martin.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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| Representation Fees received | $ 222.00 |
| Educational Fund collected during meeting | 386.02 |
| Ordained Ministers fees received | 51.50 |
| Licentiate Ministers fees received | 16.25 |
| Womans Auxiliary | 132.85 |
| Penny and other collections | 62.69 |
| Collections for Oxford Orphanage | 25.00 |
| " " Old Folks and Orphan Home | 15.50 |
| " " Reformatory School Charlotte | 7.67 |
| Total amount raised during session | $ 912.35 |

Disbursements,

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| To Oxford Orphanage | $25.00 | |
| To Old Folks and Orphans Home | 15.50 | |
| To Reformatory School | 7.67 | |
| To President | 10.00 | |
| To Vice-President | 5.00 | |
| To Recording Secretary | 25.00 | |
| To Correcponding Secretary | 10.00 | |
| To Sexton | 3.00 | 101.17 |
| To Balance | | $ 811.18 |

## REPORT OF TRUSTEE BOARD.

Weldon, N. C., Sept. 24, 1917

To the President, Delegates and Members of the Neuse River Baptist Association—GREETINGS:

We your Board of Trustees beg permission to make the following report. Once more providence has seen fit to allow us after a 365 days voyage on the sea of life to steer our little bark of eighty one churchas into the hospitable town of Weldon and weigh anchor in the First Baptist Church, for which we are deeply grateful. Since our last meeting Enfield, N. C., the Board has received the following amounts:

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| Sept. 27, '16 | By Balance brought forward | $ 138.82 |
| Nov. 21, '16 | By Cash for Wood sold | 98.83 |
| " " " | By Cash Halifax Co. Union (sisters) | 15.00 |
| " 22, " | By Cash from Treas. N. R. A. | 466.19 |
| Mar. 12, '17 | By Cash from 1st Baptist Elm City | 5.00 |
| Apr. 27, " | By Cash from Bethlehem (Nash Co.) | 10.00 |
| " 4, " | By Cash from Daniels Chapel | 4.05 |
| | By Cash from 1st Baptist Weldon | 17.81 |
| | By Cash from St. Chapel | 8.00 |
| | By Cash 1st Baptist Gaston | 10.00 |
| | By Cash from Allen's Grove | 6.16 |
| | By Cash from 1st Baptist Battleboro | 3.70 |
| | By Cash from 1st Baptist Crowells | 6.00 |
| May 30, '17 | By Cash Bethlehem Baptist Sussex Va | 3.50 |
| | By Cash Pleasant Hill Enfield | 3.00 |
| | By Cash Twilight Weldon | 7.26 |
| | By Cash Little Shiloh Greenville Va | 10.52 |
| | By Cash 1st Baptist, Halifax | 20.00 |
| | By Cash 1st Baptist, Scotland Neck | 10.00 |
| | By Cash Oak Grove Garysburg | 5.00 |
| | By Cash Carter's Chapel | 10.15 |
| | By Cash Bethlehem Baptist Seaboard | 10.00 |
| | By Cash Zion Hill Littleton | 10.00 |
| | By Cash St. Paul Enfield | 3.03 |
| | By Cash Cool Springs Garysburg | 3.31 |
| | By Cash Mt. Zion Margarettsville | 10.09 |
| | By Cash Smith's Chapel Enfield | 5.20 |
| | Total Cash received | $ 899.51 |

Disbursements

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| From Sept 25, 1916 to Sept. 25, 1917, To amount Spent for Material, Carpenters, Labor and Plasterer | $639.25 | |
| Paid J. L. Shepard on note | 190.06 | |
| Paid D. E. Stainback, Insurance | 22.50 | $851.75 |
| Balance in Treasury | | $ 47.76 |

Respectfully submitted, TRUSTEE BOARD,
M. W. Williams, Jr. Sec. M. P. Sweatt, Pres

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Reading the Constitution and Rules of Order.
3. Enrolling the names of Messengers.
4. Appointment of Committees to-wit—On Hours of Meeting and Adjournment; Committee on Finance; Committee on Resolutions; Committee on Temperance; Committee on Education.
5. Report of Treasurer.
6. Report of Ministerial Board.
7. Appointment of Committee on Time and Place.
8. Report of Various Committees.
9. Election of Officers.
10. Report of Board of Trustees.
11. Discussion of various topics relative to church work,

## RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Not more than one person shall speak at at once, who shall rise and address the Moderator by the word "Brother,"
3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted until he is through, unless he is out of order.
4. The person speaking shall strictly adher to the subject and shall in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before but shall state the case so as to give his ideas.

## THE CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This Association shall be known as the Neuse River Missionary Baptis Association. Its object shall be to promote the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ both at home and in foreign lands to insure a more intelligent ministry and bring about a true Christian fellowship in the churches of our Association. To provide a religious training for our yout...

The officers thall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Auditor, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, who shall be elected annually,

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of Pastors and Messengers sent from churches belonging to this Association and all ordained ministers and licentiates who are members of said churches. and also of annual and life members—annual members by the payment of one dollar annually, and life members by the payment of five dollars, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 3. Letters received by this Association from different churches shall express the total number of members in fellowship, those baptized those received by letters, those dismissed by letter, those excommunicated, those deceased, and the number of Sabbath School scholars since last Association.

Art. 4. The members chosen to discharge these duties shall have no power over God's heritage, nor shall they have ecclesiastical power over church of this Association and no church shall intrude on the dignity as to the power of the pastor, while in the faithful performance of his pastorial duties. And no pastor of a Baptist church of this Association shall be discharged except by a majority vote of the members and not then until his salary as agreed upon by the church, shall have been paid. Any minister or ministers who shall be known to interfere with another ministers's church thereby causing a disturbance between the members and pastors shall be dealt with by the Ministerial Board as it thinks proper. And it shall be the duty of all pastors and deacons of churches composing this Association to defend and maintain the Constitution of the same.

Art 5. Churches desiring to become members of this Association shall petition by letter or messenger and upon examination, if found in order. it shall be the duty of the Moderator to give the right hand of fellowship to the messenger, and welcome the church into the Association. Or any church or churches desiring to withdraw from this Association, must do so by a letter or messenger, requesting a letter of dismission. When this Association has granted the request and such church or churches, have united with some regular Missionary Baptist Association and the Association receiving such church or churches has notfied this Association of the same, their or its connection with this Association shall cease.

Art. 6. Every church in this Association shall be entitled to representation in this Association, and shall send from one to two messengers, and shall send funds to the Association ac-

cording to the rules laid down in the minutes. No church, however, shall send more than two messengers.

Art. 7. Every motion made and seconed shall be left to the discretion of the Association, whether it shall be debated or not.

Art. 8. This Association shall furnish churches with the minutes of this Association. The method of furnishing the minutes shall be left to the Association.

Art. 9. We believe it necessary to have an Associational fund to pay the expenses of the Association; therefore each church belonging to the Association is required to pay the amount which shall be designated by the Association at its session.

Aar. 10. The minutes of the previous session shall be read and corrected if necessary. The Association shall have power to inquire the reason why churches do not at any time of its sittings represent themselves in this Association.

Art. 11. This Association shall have power to withdraw from any church which may violate the rules of this body

Art. 12. This Association shall ordain no person to preach the gospel who does not possess the qualifications laid down in the Scriptures by St. Paul and who cannot read understandingly and write legibly. The churches are required to adopt the same rule in licensing applicants.

Art. 13. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time and place thought most convenient to the churches.

Art. 14. This Association shall appoint a Ministerial Board consisting of nine or more members subject to the call of the President of the Association with the Secretary of the Association as Secretary of the Board.

Art. 15. The Constitution is subject to alteration by a two thirds vote of the Association.

Resolved that the Association hereafter for the purpose of knowing the Ordained Ministers in its bounds furnish the Credentials to Ordained Ministers in printed form. filled out by the President and Secretary and the price to be paid for them be 50 cents. A. J. Jackson.

## RESOLUTIONS 1908.

Whereas most of the founders of this Association (the Neuse

River) are now dead and their names should not be forgotten,

Resolved, That their names have a permanent place in our minutes, and be published from year to year that future generations may read and learn the founders,

Humbly submitted, A. J. Jackson.

### LIST OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE NEUSE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

It was organized in what is now called "The Old Church," near the Roanoke River in 1866 in the town Halifax, N. C., therefore the Association was named and styled "The Roanoke Association" by the following named brethren:

Rev. A. N. Buck ..... Halifax, N. C
" A. J. Jackson ..... Halifax, "
" John Lynch ..... Halifax, "
" Joseph Baysmore ..... Weldon, "
" Sandy Fenner ..... Halifax, "
" Jack Johnson .....
" Allen Mosely ..... LaGrange, "
" John Washington .....
" Hull Grimes .....
" Reid .....
" Nathaniel Martin ..... Carter's Chapel "
" Lovelys Brown .....
" Isham Moore .....
" Harry Austin .....
" A. B. Williams .....
" Eagles ..... Warrenton, "
" Benj. Spicer .....
" Edward Hill .....

When the Association met in Goldsboro, N. C, 1870, it had been learned that another Association had been organized bearing the same name, so the brethren decided to drop the name "Roanoke" and take the name "Neuse." The above are the names as given me by Rev. A. J. Jackson. He said that he could not recollect the Christiam names of all, but that he thought from one to another, in time, the full name of each one in the organization would appear in our minutes.

Secretary.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED 1882.

Whereas, the preaching of the Gospel is a most responsible charge, the success of which depends upon an extensive knowledge of the word of God, and

Whereas, We believe when God calls a person to bear his message to the world, that he also makes that person willing to prepare himself for that important calling, and

Whereas, We believe that a willingness to study on the part of the fact that he has been called therefore

Resolved, that all applicants for ordination shall be examined on the following brances of study: Reading, Spelling, Writing, Geography, History—both sacred and profane—Theology, Church Disciptine (Hiscock) and the Bible.

Rev. R. F. Faison, O. B. Alston,
W. T. McDaniel, H. L. Solomon,
Committee.

STANDING RESOLUTION—THE TWO FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

Whereas, It is a denominatonal standard of the Baptist not to appoint ministers for churches except a church can appoint or call a minister for itself. Therefore be it

Resolved, that the ministers and pastors of the Neuse River Association will not enter into any pulpit except our own, unless we are invited by the pastor in charge.

Humbly submitted, R. I. Walden.

| Number | CHURCHES | When Organized. | COUNTY. | PASTORS AND THEIR POST OFFICE | CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICE. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1st Baptist, Elm City | 1868 | Wilson | N H Arrington, Enfield | B S Jordan, Elm City | N D H |
| 2 | 1st Baptist Weldan | 1867 | Halifax | J W Faulk, Weldon | J H Boyd, Weldon | B F Ha |
| 3 | Red Oak | | Nash | E S Lucas, Elm City | G T Moore, Spring Hope | E S Lu |
| 4 | Mount Olive | | Edgecombe | Henry Drake, Battleboro | Warren Reynolds, R. 1 Sharpsburg | Henry |
| 5 | Lebanon | 1880 | Halifax | J A Whitaker, Enfield | Wm Edmonds, Halifax | Wm Ed |
| 6 | St. James | 1885 | Edgecombe | J H Martin, Rocky Mount | W E Gay, Rocky Mount | T W D |
| 7 | Shiloh Baptist | | Halifax | D N Martin, Rosemary | N H Arrington, Scotland Neck | J W Cl |
| 8 | Bethlehem | | Nash | Geo G Edmonds, Halifax | A B Tuens, Rocky Mount | S W P |
| 9 | Little Hope | 1899 | Nash | J R Stansberry, Halifax | E V Byrd, Rocky Mount | A L Jo |
| 40 | St. Paul | | Halifax | J W Wood' Weldon | M Baker, Enfield | Andrew |
| 12 | Harts Chapel | | Edgecombe | Berry Powell, Route 5, Rocky Mount | D Wimberry, Route 3, Tarboro | P B Bu |
| 12 | Macedonia | 1915 | Wilson | C H Rhymes, Freemont | R A Worrell, Black Creek | R A W |
| 13 | Little Zion | | Nash | J R Coel, Whitakers | Addie Whitaker, Whitakers | By Le |
| 14 | Mt, Hope | | Northampton | N V Davis, Weldon | S Jeffrey, Jackson | J B Pe |
| 15 | New Hope | | Nash | J H. Martin, Rocky Mount | Robt Ricks, Route 2,. Whitakers | B Hun |
| 16 | 1st Baptist Freemont | | Wayne | J H. Crow, Dunn | D R Davis, Freemont | By Let |
| 17 | Union Grove | 1892 | Wayne | C H Hooker, Pikeama | D Richardson, Freemont | James |
| 18 | St. Paul | | Nash | Eddie Taylor, Wood | T L Harrison, Rocky Mount | W T W |
| 19 | Tillery Chapel | | Halifax | Wm Wiggins, Spring Hill | Paul R Jones, Tillery | W W H |
| 20 | Cedar Creek | | Halifax | R C Clark, Route 1, Enfield | James Battle, Enfield | O D A |
| 21 | Mt. Zion | | Northampton | H Clement, Margarettsville | R P Ivey, Margarettsville | H Clem |
| 22 | Pleasant Hill | | Halifax | M P Sweatt, Garysburg | D H Scott, Route 3, Box 58, Enfield | J H Ar |
| 23 | 1st Baptist Gaston | | Northamrton | J W. Wood, Weldon | E W Edmonds, Henrico | W H. M |
| 24 | Morning Star | | Edgecombe | R B Walston, Route 3, Tarboro | Hattie Jenkins, Rock Mount Roule 6, | R B W |
| 25 | Letteits Chapel | | Edgecombe | T. V. Foster, Rocky Mount | Mary Watson, Tarbore | T V Fo |
| 26 | Pleasant Hill | | Halifax | Joe Rawls, Speed | Jas Edmons, Scotland Neck | Ephrsr |
| 27 | St. Stephen | | Edgecombe | J T Johnston, Halifax | Mamie McNair, Tarboro | Luke S |
| 28 | Eastern Star | | Edgecombe | W W Williams, Hassell | Jordan Dancy, Tarboro | A W W |
| 29 | Mt. Zion | 1878 | Nash | M A Tally, Rocky Mount | Haywood Sessoms, Rocky Mount | Richm |
| 30 | Shepherd Grove | | Halifax | | Mary Thomas, Weldon | Jarmar |
| 31 | Roanoke Chapel | 1873 | Northamptor | J A Whitaker, Enfield | M W Amos, Garysburg | Wm By |
| 32 | Parkers Chapel | 1871 | Northampton | L G Outlaw | G N Johnson, Halifax | G H Jo |
| 33 | Little Zion | | Halifax | E A Taylor, Scotland Neck | J R Merritt, Halifax | Joseph |
| 34 | Zion Hill | | Halifax | W H Shaw. Littleton | G T Alston, Litteton | J H Wi |
| 35 | West Weldon | | Halifax | O B Alston, Jackfon | J A Spruill, Weldon | P J Sm |
| 36 | St. Shiloh | 1878 | Nash | I S Riddick, Parmele | Louis Hariss, Whitakers | B J Ha |
| 37 | St, John Elmore | | Edgecombe | B J Tyson, Tarboro | Racheal Hinton, Tarboro | B J Ty |
| 38 | Red Hill Baptist | | Edgecombe | J R Coel. Whitakers | J J Hart, Whitakers | D Reid |
| 39 | Allen Grove | | Halifax | C Pierce, Halifax | R B Pierce, Halifax | C Pierc |
| 40 | Twilight | | Halifax | M P Sweatt, Garysburg | M Turner, Rosmary | Jim Jol |
| 41 | Smith Chapel | | Halifax | A Boone, Beaman, Va. | Alex Arrington, Halifax | T J Jer |
| 42 | New Bethel | | Halifax | Geo G Edmonds, Hallfax | Leah Whitakers, Enfield | Wm Le |
| 43 | Wall Chapel | | Northampton | Peter Moses, Jackson | Pattie Beal, Jackson | G W Be |
| 44 | Carters Chapel | | Halifax | W H Shaw, Littleton | Hardy Powell, Rosemary | M E Mi |
| 40 | Cool Spring | 18 7 | Northampton | J W Wood, Weldon | Jas Squire, Garysburg | Mark N |
| 46 | Morning Star | 1882 | Edgecombe | | Alston Pittman, Whitakers | By Let |
| 47 | St, Peter | | Halifax | J A Whitaker, Enfield | Walter Parham, Weldon | D Den |
| 48 | Chestnut Grove | | Halifax | D L Tillery, Tillery | Chas Tillery, Tillery | Milton |
| 49 | St. John | | Nash | J H Martin, Rocky Mount | W L Lyon, Rocky Mount | S D Gil |
| 50 | 1st Baptist Enfield | | Halifax | J R Coel, Whitakers | Jacob Howington, Enfield | Jacob H |
| 51 | Quanky Chapel | | Halifax | P A Ivey, Halifax | E A Howard, Rosmary | D Park |
| 52 | St. Mark | | Edgecombe | B B Bellam, Whitakers | Thomas Bell, Battleboro | B B Be |
| 53 | White Oak Baptist | | Halifax | | Fred Williams, Springwood | W Rick |
| 54 | Gasalonia | | Brunswick Va. | C M Clayton | A J White, Gasburg, Va | J H Jef |
| 55 | Mason Grove | | Brunswick, Va | P H Brewer, Henrico | Logan W Drumgold, Valentine, Va | T W D |
| 56 | Daniels Chapel | | Halifax | N H Arrington, Enfield | Jas R Thornton, Enfield | J E Hu |
| 57 | Roanoke Salem | | Northampton | J W Blacknall, Garysburg | W T Gaines, Garysburg | R A Bo |
| 58 | St. Chapel | | Halifax | P A Ivey, Halifax | John T Fox, Enfield | Matt D |
| 59 | Jordan Hill | | Warren | Benny Bulluck, Mason | Mary George | T W Ga |
| 60 | Bethlehem | | Edgecombe | R C Clark, Scotland Neck | P R Hayes, Whitakers | Clanton |
| 62 | Crowells Cross Roads | | Halifax | N V Davis, Weldon | J J Johnson, Enfield | J J Joh |
| 62 | 1st Baptist Battleboro | | Edgecombe | J W Wood, Weldon | | Walter |
| 68 | Bethlehem | 1869 | Northampton | H Clements, Branchville | W C Coats, Seaboads | Robert |
| 64 | Marks Chapel | 187- | Edgecombe | W G Edmonds, Emporia, Va | D D Cooper, R F D 4 Rocky Mount | Waltlr |
| 65 | 1st Baptist Goldsboro | 1864 | Wayne | Fred M Davis, Wilson | Wm Hamilton, Goldsboro | Fred M |
| 66 | Princeton Chapel | | Johnston | Richard Pake | W B Warren, Princton | By Let |
| 67 | Cherries Chapel | | Wilson | Geo Hinton, Tarboro | E D Brook, Elm City | Geo Hin |
| 68 | New Hope | | Edgecombe | Wm Stamper, Littleton | Wesley Revis. Battleboro | C A Wh |
| 69 | Olive Chapel | | Nash | Geo Hinton, Tarboro | Sallie Batts, Sharpsburg | Geo Per |
| 70 | Oak Grove | 1885 | Northampton | D N Martin, Weldon | E G Sykes, Garysburg | R B Pri |
| 71 | Galilee | | Halifax | Richard Cooper. Windsor | D A Marrow, Tillery | Jessie F |
| 72 | Shady Grove | | Halifax | | Rebecca B Davis, Tillery | Ed Dav |
| 78 | Salem Chapel | | Edgecombe | R C Clark, | Mrs R B Hines, Tarboro | C H Ki |
| 74 | Jarusalem | | Edgecombe | W M Wiggins, Spring Hill | P L Philips, Bricks | C H Ly |
| 75 | 1st Baptist Halifax | | Halifax | D N Martin, Weldon | C C Johnston, Halifax | Jas M F |
| 76 | Brooks Chapel | | Edgecombe | R B Walston, Tarboro | N Brook, Wilson | R B Wa |
| 77 | Vaughan Chapel | | Wilson | Geo Hinton, Tarboro | Paul Baine, Elm City | Johnnie |
| 78 | Sandy Fork | | Nash | N L Haughton | David Jones, Wilson, Route 1 | Peter D |
| 79 | Ebeneezer Baptist | | Nash | E Lucas, Rocky Mount | Nellie Smith, Rocky Mount | E Lucas |
| 80 | Friendship | | Edgecombe | Berry Powell, Rocky Mount | Olivia Powell, Rocky Mount, Route 5 | By Lett |
| 81 | Min. & Deacons Union | | Edgecombe | J J Quinichette, Pres. | Wesley Revis, Whitakars | J J Quir |
| 82 | Old Folks Home | 1902 | Wayne | Tannie Whitley, Pres. Goldsboro | | Francis |
| 83 | St. Luke | | Edgecombe | E R Noel. Spring Hope | Tempie Bulluck, Tarboro | E R No |
| 84 | Zion Hill | | Halifax | W H Shaw, Littleton, | G L Alston, Littleton | J H Wil |
| 85 | Simons Grove | | Halifax | Charles Zollicoffer, Print | A G Jenkins, Rosemary | Chas Z |